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SUBJ: CLERIDES' NOVEMBER 20 PRESS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: AT AN EARLY MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE FORMALLY ANNOUNCING HIS HELICOPTER VISIT WITH DENKTASH TO WESTERN CYPRIOT CITY OF POLIS AND LATE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IN LONDON TO BE FOLLOWED BY ATHENS SUMMIT MEETING, ACTING PRESIDENT CLERIDES EMPHASIZED STRONGLY HIS INTENTION TO CONTINUE AS NEGOTIATOR IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ONLY RPT ONLY IF "COMMON LINE" IN CYPRUS TALKS WERE AGREED UPON, DRAWN UP, AND SIGNED BY GOG, MAKARIOS, AND HIMSELF. ALSO EMPHASIZED HIS SUPPORT FOR AND BELIEF IN LOCAL TALKS AND PUBLICALLY DEFINED AREA IN WHICH WIDER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COULD BE USEFUL. ADMITTED THAT PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL TURKISH TROOPS AND RETURN OF GREEK CYPRIOTS TO FAMAGUSTA HAD FALLEN THROUGH AS RESULT CAN-CELLATION DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ANKARA.

1. ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM CLERIDES INSISTED THAT ALL PRIOR TALKS WITH DENKTASH HAVE BEEN ON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES. STATED THAT HE HAS LONG FAVORED  
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A MEETING AMONG THE GREEK PRINCIPALS TO DEFINE FRAMEWORK FOR

NEGOTIATIONS. CONTINUING, HE STATED THAT HE HAS NOW INFORMED GOG THAT HE IS NOT WILLING TO CONTINUE AS NEGOTIATOR UNLESS A COMMON LINE IS AGREED UPON AND RESULTANT DOCUMENT IS SIGNED BY THE GOG, MAKARIOS, AND "THE NEGOTIATOR", WHOMEVER THAT MAY BE. CLERIDES RETURNED TO THIS THEME SEVERAL TIMES DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, POINTING OUT THAT HE HAD NO CONTROL OVER WHETHER SUCH A DOCUMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BUT MAKING CLEAR THAT HE WOULD NOT CONTINUE AS NEGOTIATOR UNLESS THERE WAS. IN POINTED BARB AT ARCHBISHOP HE OBSERVED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ONE PERSON TO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING CYPRUS PROBLEM WHILE ANOTHER MADE DIFFERING PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND "PLAYED THE HERO". NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH NO DATE FIXED FOR ATHENS TALKS THEY WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 24-27.

2. REPLYING TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CALLAGHAN WOULD ADVISE MAKARIOS NOT TO RETURN HE DENIED ANY OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF CALLAGHAN'S PLANS TO OFFER SUCH ADVICE.

3. CLERIDES INSISTED THAT WITHDRAWAL TURKISH TROOPS AND RETURN OF REFUGEES STILL PRECONDITIONS FOR LOCAL TALKS BUT THAT "THERE EXISTED A THIRD AND LATER PROPOSITION" ALLOWING FOR PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL AND RETURN FOLLOWED BY GRADUAL TOTAL WITHDRAWAL, A PROPOSITION WHICH EMERGED FOLLOWING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL CUTOFF OF TURKISH AID. ADMITTED THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS MAIN REASON FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CANCELLED VISIT TO ANKARA.

4. QUESTIONED RE PURPORTED MAKARIOS PROPOSAL TO DR. KISSINGER OFFERING CANTONAL SOLUTION IN RETURN FOR AMERICAN BASES, CLERIDES AT FIRST DUCKED QUESTION AND THEN SOMEWHAT DELPHICLY REPLIED THAT "THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ACCEPTANCE (OF SUCH A PROPOSAL) BECAUSE NO PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY DR. KISSINGER." PRESSED FURTHER HE STATED THAT "IN THE REPORT I RECEIVED THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO AMERICAN BASES."

5. RE HIS ATTITUDE TO FOUR-PARTY OR TO EXPANDED CONFERENCE A LA GENEVA, CLERIDES FIRMLY STATED THAT CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS CAN AND SHOULD BE SOLVED IN CYPRUS AND NOTED IMPOSSIBILITY OF THIS COMPLEX ISSUE BEING HANDLED IN THE 3-4 DAYS THAT

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OTHER WORLD LEADERS WOULD BE ABLE TO SPARE FOR MULTINATIONAL CONFERENCE. ADMITTED HOWEVER THAT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO DISCUSS EXTENT OF GUARANTEES FOR CYPRIOT INDEPENDENCE AND WHO SHOULD BE GUARANTORS.

6. IN POTPOURRI OF OTHER ITEMS: CLERIDES ADMITTED REPORTS OF POSSIBLE VIOLENCE BY BOTH PRO AND ANTI MAKARIOS ELEMENTS WHEN ARCHBISHOP RETURNS; REPEATED THAT HIS RETURN IS LIKELY

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ATHENS SUMMIT; REITERATED HIS INTENTION  
TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL STABILITY; WELCOMED KARAMANLIS VICTORY  
AND EXISTENCE OF STRONG GOG; DUCKED QUESTIONS RE HIS FUTURE  
ROLE IN GOC IF FORTHCOMING SUMMIT DOES NOT PRODUCE HIS  
DESIRED "COMMON LINE." FINALLY, ASKED WHAT ADVICE HE WOULD  
GIVE TO MAKARIOS ABOUT RETURNING, CLERIDES REPLIED "I DON'T  
GIVE ADVICE UNLESS I AM ASKED."  
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